# **News Release**

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### **Crop Production**

**Iowa:** Corn: The September 1 yield forecast of 187.0 bushels per acre is up 2 bushels from the August 1 forecast. Production is forecast at 2.50 billion bushels for the state, up 14 percent from last year. Iowa's corn plant population per acre, at 29,500, and number of ears per acre, at 29,250, are at record high levels. If realized, Iowa's corn yield and production would be record highs.

Soybean: The September 1 yield forecast of 52.0 bushels per acre is unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 6 bushels per acre from 2008. If realized, soybean production would be 506 million bushels, up nearly 14 percent from last year's 445 million bushels.

United States: Corn production is forecast at 13.0 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month and 7 percent higher than 2008. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 161.9 bushels per acre, up 2.4 bushels from August and 8.0 bushels above last year. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record and production will be the second largest, behind 2007. Yield forecasts increased from last month across the western Corn Belt and the northern half of the Great Plains as mild temperatures and adequate soil moisture supplies

provided favorable growing conditions. Yield prospects were unchanged in the eastern Corn Belt where dry conditions during August depleted soil moisture supplies.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.25 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 42.3 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and up 2.7 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will be the third highest yield on record. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher or unchanged in all States except Indiana, where the yield is expected to be down 2 bushels. The largest increases in yield from the August forecast are expected in Alabama and Maryland, up 5 and 6 bushels, respectively. If realized, the forecasted yield in Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi will be a record high and the forecasted yield in Nebraska, North Carolina, and Ohio will tie the previous record high. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 76.8 million acres, up slightly from June and up 3 percent from 2008.

### **September 2009 Production Summary - Iowa and United States**

Cron	For H	arvest	Yield p	er acre	Production		
Crop	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	Thousand Acres	Thousand Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Thousand Bushels	Thousand Bushels	
IOWA							
Corn for Grain	12,800	13,350	171.0	187.0	2,188,800	2,496,450	
Soybeans	9,670	9,730	46.0	52.0	444,820	505,960	
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	78,640	80,007	153.9	161.9	12,101,238	12,954,500	
Soybeans	74,641	76,767	39.6	42.3	2,959,174	3,245,292	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hay yield is reported in tons per acre and hay production in thousand tons.

# **Iowa District Estimates**

Corn, 2008-2009

#### Soybeans, 2008-2009

District -	Harvested <sup>1</sup>		Yield/acre		Production		District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	District	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousand Acres	Thousand Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Thousand Bushels	Thousand Bushels		Thousand Acres	Thousand Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Thousand Bushels	Thousand Bushels
NW	1,900	1,890	184.0	195.0	349,100	368,590	NW	1,592	1,675	50.0	54.0	79,684	90,490
NC	1,885	1,930	170.0	190.0	321,200	366,740	NC	1,252	1,255	46.5	52.0	58,005	65,290
NE	1,490	1,515	165.0	179.0	245,500	271,220	NE	821	800	45.5	48.0	37,433	38,420
WC	1,970	1,980	180.0	192.0	354,700	380,200	WC	1,500	1,570	47.0	52.0	70,633	81,675
C	1,900	2,065	169.0	189.0	320,400	390,330	C	1,377	1,340	48.0	54.0	66,402	72,390
EC	1,325	1,365	174.0	188.0	231,000	256,650	EC	894	925	47.5	51.0	42,381	47,195
SW	970	1,040	160.0	186.0	155,600	193,460	SW	962	935	40.5	53.0	38,814	49,575
SC	490	610	132.0	158.0	64,700	96,390	SC	560	510	35.0	46.0	19,483	23,470
SE	870	955	169.0	181.0	146,600	172,870	SE	712	720	45.0	52.0	31,985	37,455
State	12,800	13,350	171.0	187.0	2,188,800	2,496,450	State	9,670	9,730	46.0	52.0	444,820	505,960

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Harvest for grain

U.S. Corn Supply and Demand

CORN	2007-2008	2008-2009 (Est.)	2009-2010 <sup>1</sup> Projections September				
	Million Bushels	Million Bushels	Million Bushels				
Beginning Stocks	1,304	1,624	1,695				
Production	13,038	12,101	12,954				
Imports	20	15	10				
Supply, total	14,362	13,740	14,660				
Feed & Residual	5,913	5,250	5,350				
Food, Seed & Industrial	4,387	4,945	5,475				
Domestic, total	10,300	10,195	10,825				
Exports	2,437	1,850	2,200				
Use, total	12,737	12,045	13,025				
Ending Stocks, total	1,624	1,695	1,635				
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	4.20	4.08	3.05-3.65				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Preliminary

U.S. Soybean Supply and Demand

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SOYBEANS	2007-2008	2008-2009 (Est.)	2009-2010 <sup>1</sup> Projections September	
	Million Bushels	Million Bushels	Million Bushels	
Beginning Stocks	574	205	110	
Production	2,677	2,959	3,245	
Imports	10	15	10	
Supply, total	3,261	3,179	3,366	
Crushings	1,803	1,660	1,690	
Exports	1,159	1,280	1,280	
Seed	93	96	94	
Residual	0	33	81	
Use, total	3,056	3,069	3,145	
Ending stocks	205	110	220	
Avg. farm price (\$/bu)	10.10	10.00	8.10-10.10	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Preliminary

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